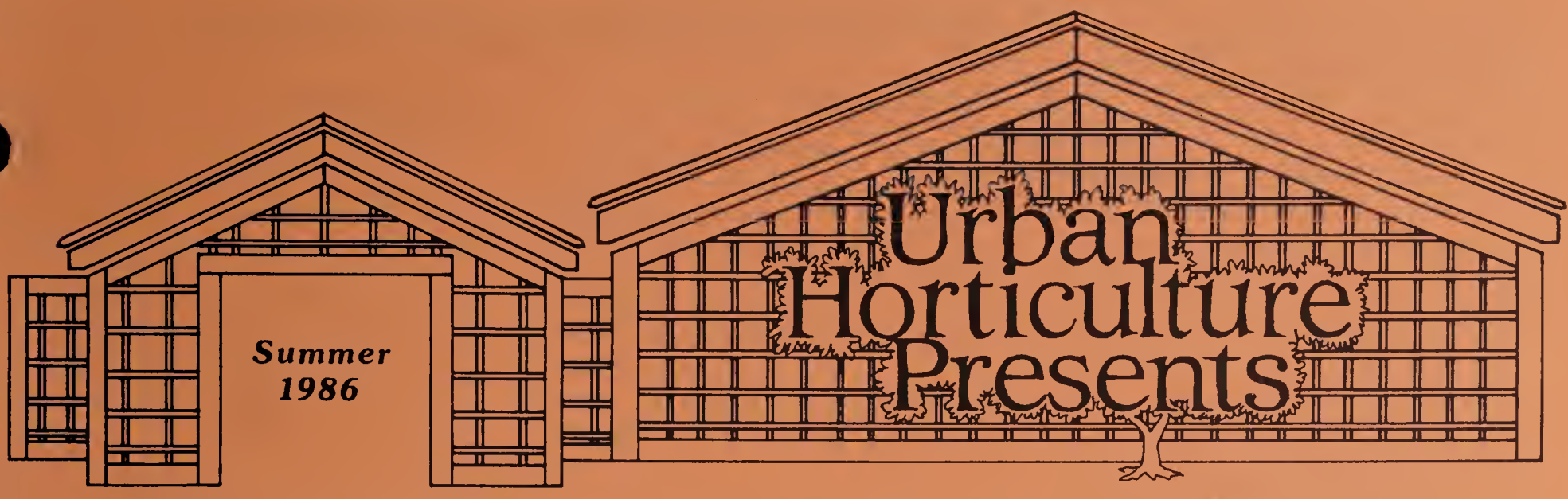

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CENTER NEWS

Spring Into Summer

Summer is the time to enjoy many of your gardening efforts and to use some of the new ideas you've learned in urban horticulture classes or lectures. We'll continue to offer a reduced array of activities since we know you'll be busy with your own. And don't forget the summer tours at the Washington Park Arboretum. Most important, the new Visitor Center is now open at the Arboretum and weekend hours are in effect. The Miller Horticultural Library continues to grow and is open each week day.

John A. Wott
Professor of Urban Horticulture

New Faculty and Staff

Dr. Deane Wang will become assistant professor of urban ecology effective August 1, 1986. Dr. Wang has degrees from Harvard, Cornell, and Yale and comes from a research position at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He will be the first person in this position at the Center.

Mr. Timothy Hohn will become curator of plant collections effective June 1, 1986. Mr. Hohn has bachelor's degrees from Western Michigan University (in communications) and Michigan State University (in horticulture) and recently completed a master's degree from the Longwood Program of the University of Delaware. He will help to develop collection policies for the Center at the Union Bay and Washington Park Arboretum sites, work with the horticulturists who maintain these collections, and become acquainted with the gardeners and plant societies of the Puget Sound area.

Mr. Eric Nelson became the temporary program assistant at the Washington Park Arboretum Visitor Center April 28, 1986. Mr. Nelson has an extensive background in managerial skills.

Library News

Gardening season is upon us, and we have many new books to help you with gardening techniques, planning, choice of plants, pruning, composting, garden pests, and even garden ornaments.

New titles include: *Alpines for Your Garden* by Alan Bloom, *Growing Camellias, Growing Dahlias, Growing Old-Fashioned Roses,* and *Growing Hardy Perennials, Gardening in the Inland Northwest* by Toni Fitzgerald, and *Western Fruit, Berries and Nuts: How to Select, Grow, and Enjoy.*

We have started receiving the *Journal of Garden History,* a gift of Pendleton Miller and the Japanese Garden Society of Seattle *Newsletter*, a gift of the Society. Also received were several books on South African trees and wildflowers, gifts of Mrs. J. C. Michel.

A new librarian, Bob Johnson, is filling in for Valerie Easton this summer while she is on maternity leave, and is helping catalog and process many of our books.

Come Visit Us—We're Still Growing

Need ideas for your fall programs? Bring your group to CUH for a short slide program about the Center and a tour of the facilities. Each year there are new things to see. The courtyard is now planted and plans are being finalized for the landscaping of the grounds.

CUH also has a speakers bureau covering many topics in the world of horticulture. To arrange a tour or a speaker call Dr. John Wott at 543–8616.

Ferns—Ferns—Ferns

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to see, learn about, and purchase ferns. Sponsored by Northwest Horticultural Society, this show on June 13–14 will feature the largest selection of ferns and related plants to be seen in the Northwest. Sue Olsen, fern specialist, has assembled an outstanding display for you. Sale times are Friday, June 13, 1:00–5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. And don't forget the Friday evening lecture by Chris Page, of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Edinburgh. All to be seen in the Conference Hall, Center for Urban Horticulture.

Parking

As many of you have noticed, the first new parking facilities are now complete and the "long-awaited" paid parking will arrive on July 1, 1986. At that time all areas on University property will be designated either staff or visitor parking. Visitors will pay 25¢ upon entry for day or evening parking. Groups may elect to buy commuter books for issuance to members. Parking after noon Saturday and all day Sunday is free.

WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM TOURS

The Arboretum offers a cool, lush refuge from the summer heat. Though green is the predominant color of the season, the tropical-looking silk trees, fragrant catalpas, summer-blooming heathers, and hydrangeas provide splashes of color. Make your next visit to the Arboretum more enjoyable by joining one of our guided tours.

The following tours are FREE and begin at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Reservations are *not* required. Call 543–8800 for more information.

Sundays at One

Every Sunday from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. A refreshing spot to spend a hot Sunday afternoon.

Explorers' Walks—for the plant enthusiast

From 10:00 a.m. to noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month—June 25, July 23, August 27, and September 24. Discover the Arboretum's treasures through the eyes of the Arboretum naturalist.

Note: Special guided tours for school groups, garden clubs, and other organizations can be arranged with three weeks' advance notice. Call 543–8800 for details.

URBAN HORTICULTURE COURSES

Tour of Perennial Gardens

Learn how to liven up the summer landscape with perennial garden beds and borders. This tour will show you outstanding floral displays in large and small gardens, as well as the gardens at Children's Orthopedic Hospital. Emphasis is on practical design applications for perennial plants.

INSTRUCTOR: Susan Buckles
DATE: Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
FEE: $17.50 **LIMIT:** 20

Wines and Wine-growing Climates

An investigation into the effects of world climate patterns on the growth and maturation of the grape, using wines of the world as an analytical tool. A selection of wines will be provided to illustrate to the plant enthusiast the interrelationships of plants and climate. A fun and informative class for the novice as well as the more advanced.

INSTRUCTOR: Gerard Bentryn
DATE: Wednesday, June 25, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $17.50 **LIMIT:** 25

Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening

Binda Colebrook, author of *Winter Gardening in the Maritime Northwest*, will discuss valuable techniques for the urban vegetable gardener. Learn principles for high vegetable production in small areas, including specific information on timing, planting strategies, and proper garden organization. A slide lecture will cover varieties of vegetables that can be grown September through May.

INSTRUCTOR: Binda Colebrook
DATE: Thursday, June 26, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $10 **LIMIT:** 30

Ikebana—Japanese Flower Arranging

Learn how to use plants from your garden to create flower arrangements using this traditional Japanese art form. Participants will create their own arrangements with two basic design styles. Lecture and demonstrations.

INSTRUCTOR: Gerry Green
DATE: Tuesdays, July 1 and 8, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $20 **LIMIT:** 15

Common Weeds of the Lawn and Garden

Learn to identify weeds and their life cycles, and you'll be well on your way to effective control. This class will enable the home gardener to identify and control the most common and troublesome weeds in the Pacific Northwest. Slides, handouts, and live specimens will supplement the lecture. Basic and nontraditional methods of control also are covered.

INSTRUCTOR: Catherine Hovanic
DATE: Thursday, July 10, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $10 **LIMIT:** 30

Gardening in the Shade

This course offers creative solutions to the special problems shade can pose to the gardener. Learn the wide range of plants that will add color, interest, and variety to the shade garden.

INSTRUCTOR: Pat Roome
DATE: Thursday, July 17, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $12.50 **LIMIT:** 30

Continuing Education Staff

John A. Wott, professor
Van M. Bobbitt, coordinator
Jan Davis, program assistant (CUH)
Eric Nelson, program assistant (WPA)
Rebecca Johnson, program aide
Christina Pfeiffer, graduate assistant
Tom Kuykendall, graduate assistant

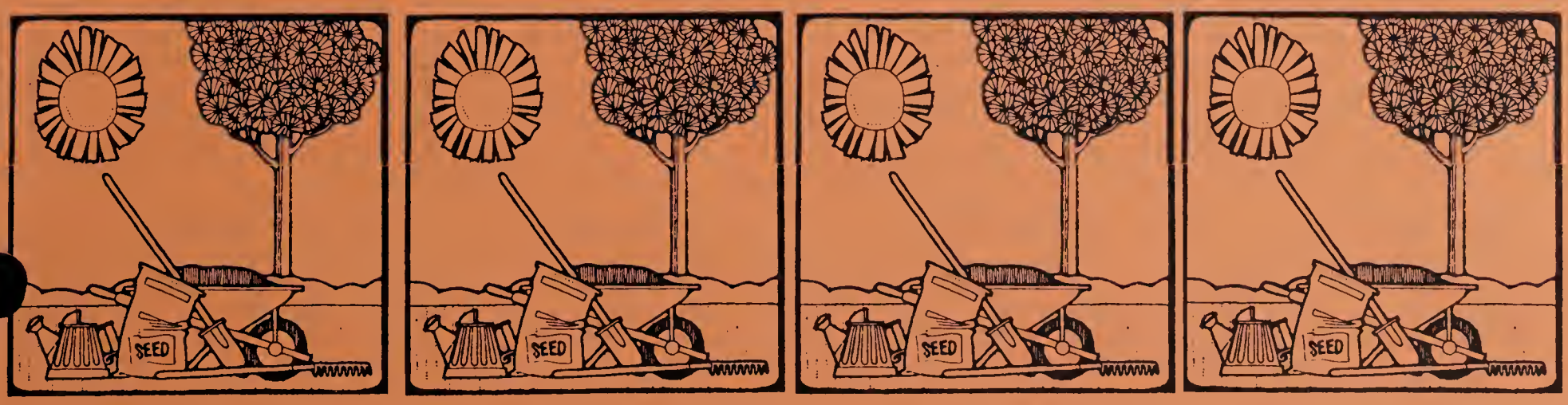
Telephones
CUH - 545–8033
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays

WPA - 543–8800
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. weekdays

ASSOCIATED HORTICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Several horticultural and plant-related societies hold regular meetings at the Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH) and Washington Park Arboretum (WPA). The following calendar lists their public activities. For more information including activity fees, if any, please contact the appropriate representative or call CUH at 545–8033.

DATE	FUNCTION	LOCATION/COST	TIME
JUNE 3	NORTHWEST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY LECTURE "Gardening at Great Dixter" 15th Century family home in East Sussex, England Christopher Lloyd Contact: Shirley Gorman, 525–7008	CUH/cost	10:30 a.m.
June 9 Sept. 8	SEATTLE ROSE SOCIETY Monthly Meeting Contact: Prentice Johnson, 523–0244	CUH/free	7:30 p.m.
June 13 14	NORTHWEST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Fern Sale Hundreds of ferns and related plants Contact: Sue Olsen, 747–2298	CUH/free	1:00–5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.–2 p.m.
June 13	NORTHWEST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY LECTURE "British Ferns and Their Habitat" by Chris Page Contact: Shirley Gorman, 525–7008	CUH/cost	8:00 p.m.
June 19	SEATTLE CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY monthly meeting Contact: Irene Johnson, 525–3176	CUH/free	7:30 p.m.
July 10	AMERICAN ROCK GARDEN SOCIETY — Northwest Section—monthly meeting "Rock and Garden Plants: Fantasies and Attributes" by Mark McDonough Contact Sallie Allen, 363–3189	CUH/free	7:40 p.m.
July 17	SPECIAL LECTURE "Rare, Little-Known Plants of the Mountains of Asia" by Josef Halda (Czechoslovakia) Contact: CUH, 545–8033	CUH/free	7:30 p.m.
ept. 1	NORTHWEST ORCHID SOCIETY monthly meeting Contact: David Edgley, 246–1589	CUH/membership	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 1	KING COUNTY IRIS SOCIETY monthly meeting Contact: Debbie Cole, 643–0627	CUH/free	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 8	AMERICAN ROCK GARDEN SOCIETY Northwest Section—monthly meeting	CUH/free	7:40 p.m.
Sept. 10	LAKE WASHINGTON GARDEN CLUB Annual Luncheon Contact: Rita Gill, 523–4277	CUH/membership	10 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	ASSOCIATION OF ZOOLOGICAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Contact: Sue Maloney, 625–2140	TBA/membership	9:30 a.m.–noon
Sept. 22	PUGET SOUND BONSAI ASSOCIATION General meeting Contact: Mary McDiarmid, 325–5062	CUH/cost	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 26, 27	CUH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE Contact: 545–8033	CUH/free	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.



Pyrethrum

!VOLUNTEERS!

- As we grow, so does our need for volunteers. We now have *two* beautiful new Centers needing volunteer staffing. The Visitor Center at the Washington Park Arboretum will use volunteers at the reception desk and in the gift shop. The Center for Urban Horticulture also needs your help at the reception desk and with secretarial backup. For reception/secretarial positions call 543–8616. For positions in the gift shop call Kate Taylor at 522–1408.

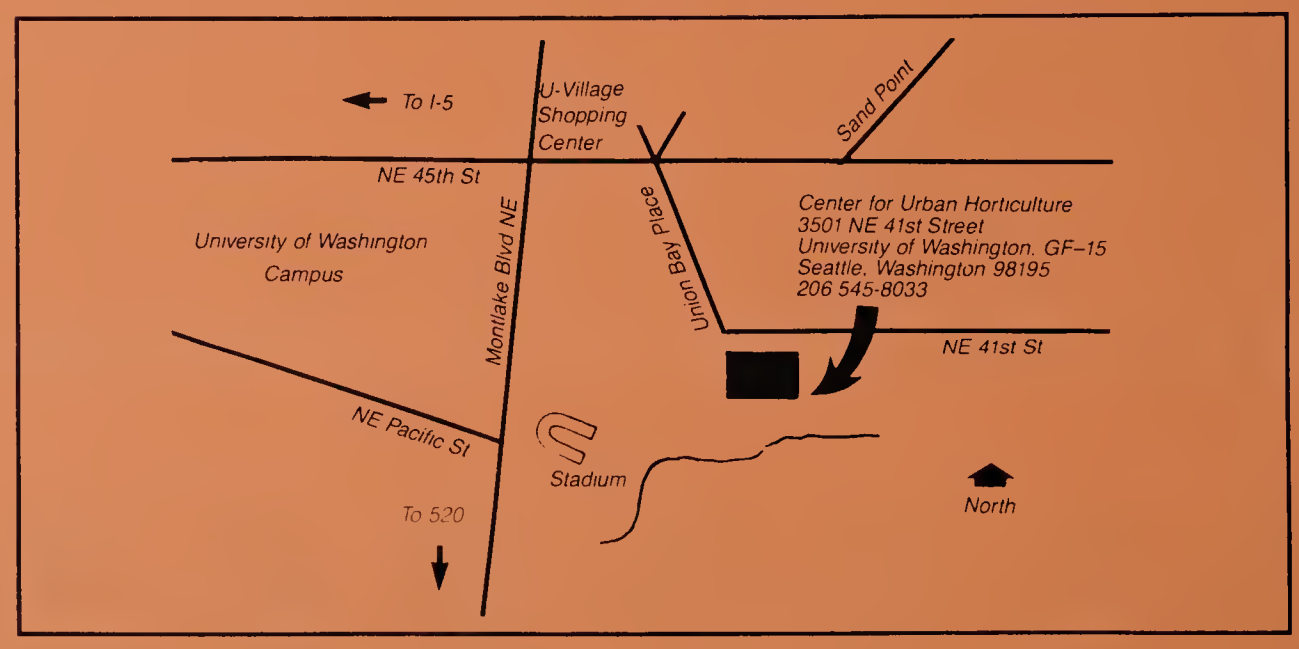
- The Center for Urban Horticulture has had three exciting exhibits this past year of plant-related art. We are looking for a volunteer to help coordinate and hang future shows. Call Sally at 543–8616.

- Every summer and fall, beginning in July, a group of volunteers meets weekly at the Arboretum to collect seeds for the international seed exchange.

  Participants meet each Monday at 10 a.m. on a no-appointment basis (it never rains on Monday!) and make their rounds scouting for donor plants, checking on ripeness, and, as the season progresses, collecting all kinds of seeds. This is a good opportunity to become well acquainted with the Arboretum, to develop lasting friendships, and to contribute to a good cause.

  Leave a message for Jan Pirzio-Biroli (543–8616) with your name and daytime phone number. She or Nancie Kremer will contact you.

Pacific Coast Hybrid Delphinium



REGISTRATION FORM

Urban Horticulture Courses

COURSE	FEE	NAME(S)	TOTAL
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Make checks payable to the University of Washington. Bank cards are not accepted. Registrations are filled in the order they are received. Enrollment in all classes is limited. Classes fill rapidly, so early registration is a must.

Refunds: Requests for refunds must be made in writing or in person. Requests received 7 days or less from the first class meeting will have a $3.00 handling fee deducted. No refunds after the first class meeting.

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A Gift of Learning: Give a Gift Certificate in the amount of one of the courses.
Call Jan Davis for details.
For more information, please call 545-8033.

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PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

These lectures are offered as a FREE service to the public and cover a wide range of horticultural interests.

Special Summer Lecture

Co-sponsored by the Northwest Chapter of the American Rock Garden Society and the Center for Urban Horticulture.

Rare, Little-Known Plants from the Mountains of Asia

by Josef Halda, botanist and horticulturist, Sedlonov, Czechoslovakia
Thursday, July 17, 7:30 p.m. at CUH

Joseph Halda and his wife, Garmila, have designed and planted an immense naturalistic rock garden, considered to be one of the loveliest gardens in Czechoslovakia. However, Josef is best known for his far-flung plant explorations that have taken him throughout the USSR, the Balkan Peninsula, the European Alps, and the Himalayas. He has brought back many choice plants previously unknown to horticulture and described two new species. No one knows the rich alpine flora of Eurasia better.

The Plant Enthusiast

Second Wednesday of each month, except July and August, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Washington Park Arboretum Visitor Center.

Exotic New Irises for Your Garden

September 10
by Robert Radek, King County Iris Society

Discover the aril irises. Their fantastically patterned flowers resulted from crossing the bearded iris with the desert iris of the Middle East.

Plants and Gardens of the World

Third Monday of each month, except July and August, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at CUH.

Alaska's Horticultural Potential

September 15
by Van Bobbitt, coordinator of continuing education, Center for Urban Horticulture

Despite its icebox reputation, a visit to Fairbanks, Alaska, during the summer reveals extensive plantings of annuals, productive vegetable gardens, and fields of potatoes and barley. You also discover that several plants we grow as ornamentals—potentilla, kinnikinnik, and lingonberry—are native to Alaska's interior.

The Master Gardener

Second Friday of each month, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at CUH.

Practical gardening information presented by the Washington State University Master Gardeners.

Remodeling The Overgrown Yard

July 11
by Patricia Roome

Find out how to transform your overgrown, weed-infested yard into a beautiful garden. Ms. Roome is a professional landscape designer.

Container Gardens

August 8
by Jean Colman

It's possible to grow bountiful crops of fruits, vegetables, and flowers even if you live in an apartment or condominium. Discover the pleasures of container gardening.

Preserving Produce From Your Garden

September 12
presented by the WSU Master Food Preservers

Now that it's harvest time, what do you do with all the produce? Learn how to safely preserve your fruits and vegetables by canning, drying, freezing, and other processes.

Brown-Bag Garden Talks

First and third Wednesdays of each month, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. at the HUB, University of Washington.

A service to the campus community. Jointly sponsored by the Center for Urban Horticulture and Washington State University Cooperative Extension.

Summer Transplanting

July 2
by Van Bobbitt, Center for Urban Horticulture

Pick It! Pack It! Put It Up!

July 16
presented by the WSU Master Food Preservers

Introduction to Pruning

August 6
by Thomas Kuykendall, Center for Urban Horticulture

Fertilizing Your Garden

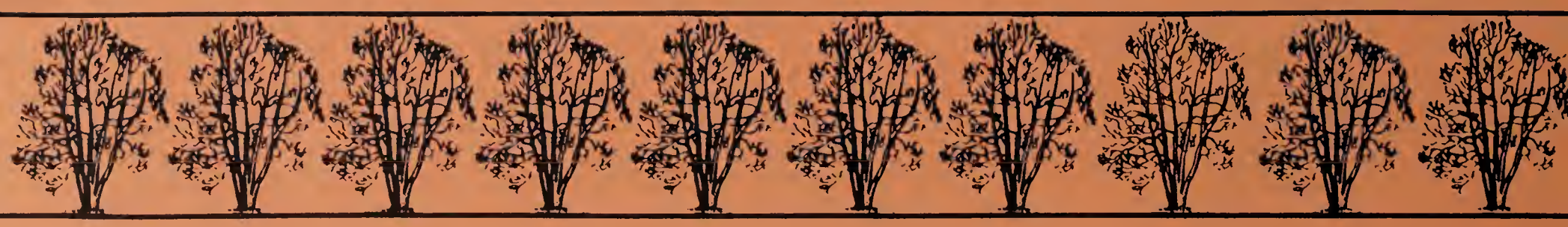
August 20
by Roger Kjelgren, Center for Urban Horticulture

Garden Color for Fall and Winter

September 3
by Lynn Meyer, WSU Master Gardener and owner of Lynn's Garden Center

Propagating Rhododendrons and Azaleas

September 17
by Orris Thompson, WSU Master Gardener and former horticulture supervisor at Tacoma's Point Defiance Park



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